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1. The Chinese Communist 354 Regiment, 118 Division, 40 Army, is organized as follows:

- Heavy mortar company
  - 2 mortar platoons each equipped with 2 120mm mortars
  - Ammunition platoon equipped with 160 rounds of mortar shells
- Guard company
- Medical unit
- Telephone platoon
- Supply section
- Staff section
- Political section
- 3 Infantry battalions
  - 3 infantry companies
    - 3 infantry platoons
      - 3 infantry squads each equipped with 2 sub-machine guns
      - Machine-gun squad equipped with 2 light machine guns
      - Gun platoon equipped with 3 60mm mountain guns
- Machine gun mortar company
  - 2 heavy machine gun platoons
    - 3 heavy machine gun squads each equipped with 3 heavy machine guns
  - Mortar platoon
    - 3 mortar squads each equipped with 3 82mm mortars

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Anti-tank gun squad equipped with 3 82mm anti-tank guns  
Flame-thrower squad equipped with 2 flame throwers

2. The approximate strength of the regiment and some of its units is as follows:

Regiment	3,000
Battalion	750
Company	160
Machine-gun mortar company	180
Heavy mortar company	160

3. Other equipment of the regiment includes 1 radio per battalion, 6 telephones, 3 horse-carts, and approximately 200 horses and mules.

4. The commanders of some of the units of the regiment are:

LI (李), commander of the 3 Battalion, aged 32, native of Shantung, and a Communist Party member.

NING (宁), commander of the machine-gun mortar company, aged 40, native of the Northeast, and a Communist Party member.

LIU Sin-hui (劉信惠), commander of the 2 Platoon, aged 35, native of Szechuan, and a Communist Party member.

LI To-fu (李德福), leader of a machine-gun squad, aged 23, native of the Northeast, and a Communist Party member.

WANG Hien-ch'ien (王顯賢), leader of a machine-gun squad, aged 26, native of Hopei, and not a party member.

5. The unit<sup>1</sup> was organized after the Japanese surrender from Nationalist soldiers who surrendered to the Communists in Manchuria and from veterans of the 8th Route Army. In 1949 it participated in the Communist assault on the Liuchow Peninsula and Hainan Island. Its subsequent movements were as follows:

14 April 1950 : left Hainan Island and headed north via Canton, Hankow, and Tientsin.

21 June 1950 : arrived Antung.

17 October 1950 : crossed the Yalu River at Antung and moved south via Pakch'in (126-35, 40-58), Kasch'on (125-58, 39-40), Kangdong (126-06, 39-08), Kotsan (126-40, 38-40), and Ich'on (126-54, 38-30).

30 December 1950: arrived Tongduch'on (127-04, 37-56) and entered combat. It advanced to Uijongbu (127-02, 37-44) and dug in there.

7 January 1951 : moved via P'och'on (127-13, 37-54) and Kap'yong (127-30, 37-50) toward Hoengsong (127-59, 37-30); dug in at Yangdokwon (127-46, 37-36) about 5 miles northeast of Yongdu-ri (127-42, 37-32).

15 March 1951 : pulled back via Ch'unch'on and Hwach'on to Kumhwa and remained there for about one month.

21 April 1951 : started south again, moving via Tamo-ni and Sach'ang-ni (126-56, 40-06) toward Kap'yong.

24 April 1951 : arrived Kap'yong about 3 a.m. and was attacked by United Nations forces there at 8 a.m.

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6. The staple food of the regiment consists of white rice, millet, and sorghum, supplemented by salt and vegetables. On the march, each man carries 6 kilograms of fried noodles which are a week's ration.
7. By April 1951 the men in the 354 Regiment were sick and tired. All were suffering from malnutrition, and their morale was further lowered by the spread of typhoid.
8. United Nations surrender leaflets often reached the regiment, and United Nations loudspeaker announcements by plane were also heard by the men in the regiment. Former Nationalist soldiers will probably defect at the first opportunity.

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1. Comment. This probably refers to the 40 Army as well as the 354 Regiment.

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